

# Waddell School Governance Council

**Date:** January 8, 2015

**Time:** 7:30pm    **Location:** Principal's Office

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## Members Present:

### Parents

Allison Peek  
Tracy Maio  
Joyce McDougal-Rivera  
Melissa DeJesus  
Jessica Carter  
Melanie Stefanovicz  
Autumn Struk

### School Staff

Mike Moynihan  
Renee Bryan  
Nancy Casey  
Terry Doherty  
Devra Daigle  
Janice Medynski

## Members Absent:

(none)

## Approval of Previous Minutes:

(none)

## Meeting Materials & Handouts:

1. School Governance Councils – listing
2. School Governance Council Code of Conduct 1110.3 Apx #2 & 1110.3(a)
3. CT DOE School Governance Councils Membership and Election Procedures
4. CT DOE School Governance Councils Responsibilities
5. School Governance Council: Outline of Sample Bylaws 1110.3 Apx #1

## Meeting Minutes:

- **Discussion:** What is the purpose of the Council? Why does Waddell have a Council?  
Waddell's testing in 2011 was at the lowest 5% in the US, which qualified Waddell as a school requiring a Governance Council. The Council was mandated to begin November 2013, but information was not passed to the current principal until May 2013. This is the first meeting of the Council. Questions were asked if the Council was still necessary. Per the State, yes, it is, for 3 years.
- **Discussion:** Review of the Bylaws  
It was noticed that we needed 2 community members. Allison Peek is asking her father if he would be interested, per popular request. No other names were popularly accepted.  
It was noticed that we needed to elect Officers. The following were elected:
  - Chairperson: Joyce McDougal-Rivera
  - Vice Chairperson: Tracy Maio
  - Co-Secretaries: Renee Bryan, Melanie Stefanovicz
    - Co-Co-Secretary: Autumn Struk

- It was noted as additions to the bylaws: officers will be elected at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the year and server for one year. Elections will be held again in September.
- Discussion: Council Responsibilities
 

It was prioritized that the Council should review the current Title 1 parent involvement policy and current Title 1 school-parent compact. The parent involvement policy was printed by Terry. The current compact will be requested from Lisa Miner.

The new 70 question school climate survey was discussed. A copy of the new survey was requested. This is something the council can work on revising for next year.

## Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- Pg2 of CT DOE Membership and Election Procedures - recommends we do a lottery system selecting 2-yr terms for half the council and 1-yr terms for the other half in order to have elections occur each year.
- Analyze School Achievement Data. **Mike to provide data.**
- Review current Title 1 Parent Involvement Policy and recommend any changes
- Review current Title 1 School-Parent Compact and recommend any changes that outline the school's goals and academic focus identifying ways that parents and school personnel can build a partnership to improve student learning. <http://schoolparentcompact.org/> **Council to request copy from Lisa.**
- Review the new/current 70 question school climate and conditions survey. **Mike to request a copy.**

## Upcoming Meetings:

- Thurs, 2/12 6:30pm
- Thurs, 3/12 6:30pm
- Thurs, 4/9 6:30pm
- Thurs, 5/7 6:30pm
- Mon, 6/1 6:30pm